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Several People Are Typing

#2026

Drew Linky:

7th of January 2026

My decision to explain the Slut Anons tale last year proved somewhat prescient: at least once every day, there's someone who doesn't know the story and misinterprets a post. Most of the time, it's a simple misunderstanding, but there have been some definitive watershed moments as well. The one that comes to mind the most is the time that Kuriboh himself leveled a small discussion on it, especially Lars and Sev. They pointed out the other issue I mentioned as well, being that the Slut Anons weren't the only ones doing this kind of thing, and the main reason it was the one that ended up so strong, it's still viewed as a point of pride for many.

After a few comments that were going nowhere fast, I made a suggestion that whatever it was they wanted to see in relation to the Slut Anons, they should make a dedicated statement and set it, for clarity and visibility. I feel like the whole idea flew over the head of the person who replied, as it was:

It has come to our attention that there has been some confusion over the past few months regarding slur usage.
- return to slur things
- no more slur things
- No more slurs in nicknames, we are still a Discord partner and as such we need to project a decent image.

I call this hasty knee-jerk response were instantly pointed out that the latter point excuse remarkably close to an ancient reference to Slick Wheeler, which I have somehow neglected to describe in this document at any point. The phrase "Slick Wheeler" is a reference to a character from a book that I've never read, but apparently was a popular character whose name has slightly been tied into weird slang. I'm not sure what the exact connotation is, but I'm sure it's somewhat derogatory and/or dismissive.

It's still the predecessor of most older users to simply not care about how we appear to others, although this attitude has been altered over the years thanks to a newer wave of people who have no problem with being perceived as cringe. Some people such as Erin immediately latched onto it and made fun of them. Well, eventually appeared and also mocked it. Eventually, Kuriboh himself, who was the one who started it all, made fun of it. Even Lars, who was the one who started the brunt of the direct opposition to it, now regularly makes jokes about it and is a direct fan of it because he has a thing's own sense of humor and recognizes his mistake.

Nothing more for today.

11th of January 2026

I feel like talking about the server's numbers lately, it's been a while since I described them in this journal and the trends are worth noting. Specifically, I'm talking about the fact that we've been losing members at a rate that's not entirely enthusiast server standards, but also not the absence of zero (isn't quite as short) it's down a bit from its peak.

The HISD's activity has been on a slow but general decline pace since the COVID pandemic caused it to mascot, we were at our highest point of around 1,000 users. Now, we're at around 700. Not a huge drop, but a noticeable one. The thing is, this isn't a problem unique to us. Most of the servers I'm in have been losing members at a similar pace. Many have less activity to begin, and at least some of that is directly from blaming Bigfoot and Minnesota because they have a more dedicated core group of users who are willing to stick around and keep things going. The HISD's core group is also pretty dedicated, but it's not as large as it used to be.

Like I said, this doesn't inspire the same feelings of dread or anxiety that used to plague me whenever I described this overall trend. I've mentioned this in the past, but I've come to accept the inevitability of the server's decline. I don't think we have something I'd like to be discussing, or I'm only too pleased to ignore. However, I'd be lying if I said I didn't feel a little bit of sadness. I've been here for a long time, and I've seen a lot of people come and go. I've been a participant and also helped to preserve a lot of things that have since been lost. I've been around for a lot of "last conversations" and "last discussions" at this point. I just made it through one of them.

I suspect that, being an average older, a lot of the rest of the channel's decisions have fallen prey to the same increases in responsibility that I've been enjoying. I wouldn't be surprised if the latter of the channels I'm in are also dwindling. I wouldn't be surprised if a lot of my thoughts and jokes are a result of my personal drift through, at the end of the day, I'm still a person who's been here for a long time. I'm still a person who's been here for a long time. I'm still a person who's been here for a long time.